

Virginia Pesticide News for December 2005

New Manuals and Exams Released

New manuals for **Turf Pest Control, Right of Way, Aerial Application, Fumigation (Non-Ag), and Fumigation of Soil and Agricultural Products** have been released, with new exams for all these categories in place at DMV **January 9, 2006**. Contact OPS at 804/786-3798 for the latest information before you test.

Pending Pesticide Regulation Changes in Virginia

For all licensed pesticide businesses:

On October 20, 2005 the Virginia Pesticide Control Board approved as final several amendments to 2 VAC 20-40, the regulations affecting licensed pesticide businesses. These will be published in the Virginia Register and on the Virginia Regulatory Town Hall soon, and should go into effect in 2006. The most significant change **requires that pesticide businesses keep records of all pesticide applications**. The records will require the same items currently required by regulation for restricted use pesticide applications. Look for more information to be sent to all licensed businesses in 2006.

For all certified commercial applicators and registered technicians:

Proposed amendments to the Certification Regulation, 2 VAC 20-51, were published in the Virginia Register September 5, and were open for public comment until November 30, 2005. (No comments were received.) Significant changes being proposed include:

- Clarifying that a *certified commercial applicator supervising an applicator training to become a registered technician* **must actually be watching the application of pesticides by the trainee**
- Require that *once a person is hired or transferred into a position involving commercial pesticide use*, **all required training and testing would have to be completed within 90 days of such hiring or transfer**
- **Deleting the option of commercial applicators being able to proctor the Registered Technician exam**
- Require that *when a certified registered technician wants to apply pesticides in a category or subcategory that differs from that in which he received his initial on-the-job training*, **he receive additional training from a Commercial Applicator in specific aspects of pesticide application as it relates to the proposed category or subcategory of work, and report training to OPS**
- **Require all applicators not for hire to keep records of all pesticides applied.**

For more information, visit the Virginia Regulatory Town Hall:
www.townhall.state.va.us, Board: Pesticide Control Board,
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